

LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS WREATH

Young Ladies Carried Out Charming Ceremony at Trinity M. E. Church Sunday Evening—The Story of Bethlehem Beautifully Sung at the Central Baptist Church.

The Sunday evening service at Trinity M. E. church was augmented by a finely rendered organ recital by the organist, Waldo S. Newbury, and by the lighting of the Christmas wreath by the young ladies of the choir, an annual custom of the church for some years past.

The first number of the organ recital was the Offertoire on Christmas Themes, No. 1, Gullmunt, and this was followed by the March of the Kings, Kings, Dubois, a sustained note suggesting the guiding star. The remaining numbers were The Holy Night, Duetty Buck, and the March of the Kings.

After the opening hymn and the scripture reading taken from the Psalms, Rev. F. W. Coleman, the pastor, offered an earnest prayer. The anthem, "There is a Christmas story," was also the offertory Three Kings of the Orient, Hopkins.

Rev. Mr. Coleman spoke very interestingly on Christmas in History, giving in brief a glimpse of the medieval Christmas day. All through the centuries past and gone, said Rev. Mr. Coleman, Christmas has been kept each age and century has kept it in their own way. In ours, the twentieth century, we keep Christmas differently than they did hundreds of years ago, but it is the same Christmas.

Rev. Mr. Coleman then read a selection, "Scenes from a Medieval Christmas," by John A. Symonds. The reading gave a vivid description of the way in which the people of past days observed the anniversary of the birth of Christ. Characters chosen from the congregations pictured out by word and deed the events leading up to the birth of Christ in the manger. This method of observing Christmas left a deep impression on the people, at the same time giving them a correct idea of the Nativity.

After the singing of another hymn, the church was darkened and the lighting of the Christmas wreath took place. The young ladies, a score or more in number, dressed in white and carrying candles, walked down the main aisle of the church, in double file, singing Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, and gathered about the Christmas wreath. Then each gave a Bible quotation and lit one of the candles on the wreath. After all the candles had been lighted the young ladies again formed in double file and left the church, singing Joy to the World. The benediction was pronounced by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Coleman.

The church was beautifully decorated for the occasion, the work being done under the direction of Miss Marion Swan and David Clark and other members of the Epworth league. Evergreen and laurel were prettily banded by the choir loft and above was a large star illuminated with red electric bulbs. On either side of the altar rail there were small evergreen trees while wreaths and evergreen were attractively placed on the walls and about the windows.

The pastor of the church expects to receive a class from probation into full membership in the church the first Sunday in the new year. This class will also include young people on probation.

The Sunday school Christmas concert will be held Wednesday evening, Dec. 30, at 7:30 o'clock. It is an open house.

Incidents in Society

Miss Annie Ruggles has returned from Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Austin gave a small dinner Saturday evening.

Mrs. Richard R. Grahame leaves town today to spend the week in Providence.

Miss Elizabeth Trumbull, assistant librarian at Wellesley, is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Parker have returned from a trip to Poughkeepsie and New York.

Miss Alice Brewer of Union street has returned from a visit with friends in Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Ella M. Norton and Miss Jane Hill served at the Norwich club tea Saturday afternoon.

Seldon Bacon of New Haven is the guest of his grandparents, General and Mrs. William A. Aiken.

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund W. Perkins of Broomfield entered the Supper club Sunday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Chase, a student at the Fiedle Institute, Hightstown, N. J., is at her home on Williams street for the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Henry T. Arnold are in Plainfield, N. J., to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. O. Chester Johnson.

Miss Alice Browning, a student at Wheaton seminary, Norton, Mass., is passing the holidays at her home on Broadway.

Daniel L. Brown is spending ten days' vacation at his home on Warren street, after which he will locate in Minneapolis.

Miss Olive Eugenia Hunt of Huntington place was in Boston over Sunday, where she is studying piano at the Fox-Bonomani school.

Miss Emily Blackstone Camp, a student at Miss Howe and Miss Marot's school, Thompson, is at her home on Broadway for the holiday recess.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Pierson announce the engagement of their daughter, Edith Anne, to Roland Brewster Jordan, of Williamstown, Ct.

Miss Henriette Browning, who is taking a course in physical culture at Wellesley college, is at her home at Kitteraus for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Nellie Loring and Miss Grace Lester, students at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, Mass., have returned home for the holiday vacation.

Invitations to a children's party to "come and meet Santa Claus" have been sent out by Mrs. Leonard O. Smith for Wednesday afternoon, the 23d.

Miss Amy L. Cogswell, who has been in Cornwall, N. Y., for the past few months, has returned to Norwich and will pass the next few months in town.

secret that Santa Claus will be present and there will be special music.

STORY OF BETHLEHEM
AT CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Augmented Choir Rendered the Beautiful Christmas Music on Sunday Evening.

The spirit of Christmas predominated in the services of the Central Baptist church on Sunday with the beautiful musical services particularly indicative of the festive season. In the morning the pastor's thought was directed to The Personal Aspect in the Birth of Christ, while the evening service, which was attended by a gratifyingly large congregation, was very largely musical. Spence's Christmas cantata, The Story of Bethlehem, was the medium chosen for conveying the spiritual significance of this season, and in two parts, the Shepherds and the Magi, were beautifully interpreted by the augmented choir, in the solos, recitatives and choruses. Particularly delightful to many was the alto solo Sleep, Holy Babe, while the final chorus, Adagio Finale, in which the congregation was invited to join, was the compelling.

The regular quartette Mrs. Nelson T. Crowell, soprano; Mrs. Augustus T. Sullivan, contralto; George A. Turner, tenor, and James L. Case, bass, and conductor, with Herbert T. Miller at the organ, was supplemented by Mrs. Clinton C. Simpson, soprano; Mrs. Reuben F. Potter, alto; Charles S. Storms, tenor, and William B. Young, bass.

The weekly calendar of the church appeared in a special Christmas cover, on which appeared the following Christmas greeting from the pastor: "To give thanks for the return to life for God and fellow men; to forgive unto seventy times seven; to love because He loved; to serve because He came not to be ministered unto but to minister; to sacrifice because the disciple is not above his Lord; and this is to catch the Christmas spirit. May your joys be many and deep, this blessed season, and may your cares be cast on Him who cares for you."

In the service of Christ.
I am affectionately your minister.
JOEL BRYAN SLOCUM.
Sunday, Dec. 20, 1914.

LEDYARD PASTOR
AT FIRST BAPTIST.

Rev. Frank Robbins Preached Sunday Mornings—253 at Sunday School.

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The pastor, Rev. Mr. Strouse, at the evening service announced the annual Christmas service with special music would be held next Sunday.

FEDERAL ACTIVITY IN WATERWAY IMPROVEMENT.
To Be Subject at Conference at the White House Tonight.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Whether the administration action regarding the present session of congress on Senator Newlands plan for the creation of a commission to control federal activity in waterway improvement, will be the subject of a conference tomorrow night at the White House.

President Wilson has asked Senator Newlands and the secretaries of the interior, commerce, agriculture and war department to meet him to discuss the advisability of throwing the influence of the administration behind the project.

The project, which the president has approved the Newlands plan in principle and he discussed the details recently with Senator Newlands and Chairman Spearman of the house and river and harbors committee.

When Senator Newlands first broached his scheme for abolishing the existing system of making rivers and harbors appropriations, the president asked the secretaries of commerce, interior, and agriculture to take up the question with their subordinate officials and ever since then the committee thus formed has been at work.

The meeting tomorrow night is aimed to bring out the results of these investigations.

The river and harbors bill was reported to the house yesterday but is not expected to be taken up until after Christmas. It is expected that an amendment will be introduced providing for the creation of the proposed commission.

Senator Newlands has let it be known he will insist on action when the bill comes to the senate.

MEETING OF THREE KINGS
AT MALMOE, SWEDEN
To Combine Interests of Denmark, Sweden and Norway.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 20.—King Christian of Denmark, King Gustave of Sweden and King Haakon of Norway, who, with their foreign ministers, met in conference at Malmo Friday and Saturday, to formulate a plan designed to combine their respective interests during the war, reached an agreement on the special questions raised. The statement is made in an "official" communication issued here. The communication in substance follows:

"The meeting of three monarchs was inaugurated Friday with a speech by King Gustave who alluded to the unanimous desire of the kingdoms of the north to preserve their neutrality and pointed to the desirability of limited co-operation between the kingdoms as a safeguard to their common interest. He said that when he invited the monarchs of Norway and Denmark to meet him he was impressed with a deep sense of the responsibility which would be incurred in relation to the present and the future, if any measure that would contribute to the welfare of the three peoples were neglected.

"Kings Haakon and Christian replied, testifying to their sincere joy at the initiative of King Gustave and expressing their hopes that the conference would have good and happy results for the three peoples.

"The deliberations of the monarchs and ministers consolidated the good relations among the three kingdoms and also enabled an agreement to be reached on the special questions raised. It was finally agreed to pursue the co-operation so happily begun and to arrange, under circumstances which require for fresh meetings between representatives of the three governments."

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CONFIRMATION LACKING OF GREAT GERMAN VICTORY.

Berlin Admits That Danger of Russian Invasion Still Exists

Berlin, Dec. 20, by Wireless to Sayville, L. I.—The official press bureau gave out today for publication the following items:

"Although certain observers still affect the belief that the German victory in the east will insure against the danger of a Russian invasion, for all time" as one commentator puts it, it is beginning to be realized that a victory as complete as it is being reported is not yet in the hands of the victors.

The Vienna Neue Freie Presse publishes the comment of an unnamed general, who points out that the Russian reinforcements time to come upon whether they will be able to bring enough fresh troops, he says, depend whether the success already achieved will be of lasting value.

The Chilean Cabinet resigned.

German Government to Interne French Males.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 20, 8:05 p. m.—Following the enforcement of a similar measure against Englishmen, the German government will intern all French males between the ages of sixteen and sixty who are residing in Germany. They will be taken to a camp near Hainsbinder.

Chapinville.—Among the appointments of fourth class postmasters in Connecticut announced by the post office department is that of Mary L. Keiser, Chapinville, Litchfield county, vice F. A. Gordon.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT

IS TO INVESTIGATE

Dismantling of Wireless Apparatus on British Collier Balboa.

Washington, Dec. 20.—An inquiry is to be instituted by the navy department into the facts concerning the dismantling of the wireless apparatus on a British collier at Balboa, Panama, which was reported to Secretary Danforth several days ago. Confusion has arisen as a result of the receipt at the British embassy here of a message from the British minister in Panama, saying that the collier reported as having violated neutrality by communicating with a British cruiser at sea had no wireless aboard. As the name of the vessel was not mentioned either in the navy report or the British despatch, it is assumed that different vessels were referred to.

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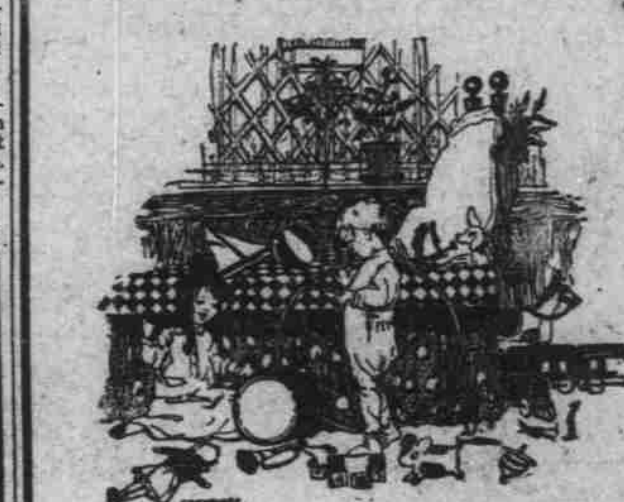
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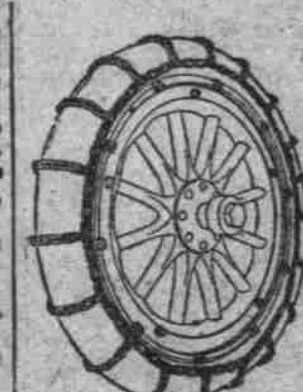
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